

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

5 **INVENTOR:** George Svonja

10 **TITLE:** Method And Apparatus For Drying

15 **SERIAL NO.:** Not yet assigned

10 **INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE:** June 20, 2003

15 **PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:** June 21, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the instant application as follows.

An amendment to the specification begins on page 2.

25 An amendment to the claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 7.